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Chief, Administrative Staff [REDACTED]

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Deputy Chief, Fiscal Division

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Annual Leave Charged to [REDACTED]

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1. In accordance with your request in memorandum dated 6 February 1959, Mr. [REDACTED]'s case has been reviewed.

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2. Travel Order OO/ED-134-5283, dated 29 May 1958, authorized Mr. [REDACTED] to drive to and from port, if possible. However, in this particular case the authority was not utilized at the time of Mr. [REDACTED]'s transfer, which was completed on 14 August 1958.

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3. The fact that Mr. [REDACTED]'s automobile arrived in New York two months after his arrival did not constitute authority for a special trip to New York for the purpose of driving it to Washington. Had he not chosen to do so, the Agency would have handled the transportation of the automobile, with payment made directly to the carrier.

4. There is no provision in Public Law 110, Agency Regulations, nor in the Decisions of the Comptroller General which covers a specific trip to port of debarkation for the purpose of picking up of a privately owned automobile, classifying it as "official business". In regard to this situation, discussions were held with our General Accounting Office site auditor together with the State Department General Accounting Office site auditor, for the purpose of working out a basis for reimbursement. It was determined that there would be no objection to the payment of transportation cost only, when an employee elects to pick up his automobile at the port of debarkation, on the basis that it would result in a saving to the Government. However, if the employee chooses to pick up the automobile himself, as in the case of Mr. [REDACTED], a personal element is involved, and therefore annual leave must be charged if travel takes place on a regular work day.

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5. Because there is no authority in existing regulations for granting leave in connection with this type of travel, the question has been submitted to the Office of the General Counsel for their consideration and opinion. (A copy of the memorandum to the Office of the General Counsel is attached.)

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Attachment
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